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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 29, 2004**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including April 29, 2005 in which to respond to the Office Action dated October 29, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$1,020.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0025.DVUS03 for a three-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason

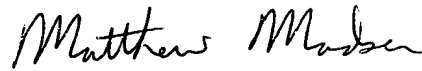
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relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from
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